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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 6th January 1953

SUB:—Licensing policy for import of agricultural tractors.

No. 4-ITC(PN)/53.—The agricultural tractors falling under Serial No. 74 of Part V of the Import Trade Control Schedule were till 31st December 1952 being licensed under a special scheme whereby blanket licences were issued to accredited agents of approved makes of tractors, who were borne on the list of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi. The blanket licences issued in accordance with this special scheme will be valid for shipment for a period of one year from the date of issue.

2. A special scheme for the issue of blanket licences had to be devised because owing to meagre imports of tractors in the past, the normal system of quota licensing to established importers would not have enabled the import of the large numbers of tractors needed for meeting essential requirements. Now that the position in regard to imports has changed, it has been decided that with effect from January-June 1953, import licences for agricultural tractors will be granted to established importers on a quota basis. Both general and soft licences will henceforth be granted on the basis of quota of 100 per cent. of half of best year's imports from the dollar area and the soft currency area respectively.

3. The quota licences will not be valid:

- (i) for makes of tractors other than those imported by the importers concerned in the past;
- (ii) for tractors having a H.P. of less than 15 at the draw bar; and
- (iii) for tractors operated by petrol or gasoline.

4. The quota licences will be subject to the further condition that the importers concerned

- (i) continue as accredited agents of the manufacturers;
- (ii) maintain facilities for servicing of the tractors imported by them to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture; and
- (iii) import spare parts of a value not less than 15 per cent. of the value of the tractors actually imported against the import licence.

5. The importation of spare parts of agricultural tractors falling under Serial No. 74 of Part V of the Import Trade Control Schedule is covered by Open General Licence No. XXIV. (It should be noted that items which are specifically mentioned under a separate Serial No. in the Import Trade Control Schedule, as

for example Ball Bearings, tyres and tubes cannot be imported against this item). Difficulty has, however, been experienced by importers in clearing consignments against Open General Licence No. XXIV of interchangeable spare parts which can be used for both tractors and motor vehicles. To overcome this difficulty, licences by way of identification certificates will be issued on the recommendation of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture to established Importers and others who maintain regular servicing organisations. On the presentation of these licences (identification certificates) the Customs authorities will allow clearance of interchangeable spare parts, without any value limit, against Open General Licence No. XXIV.

6. Importers of tractors will also be granted licences for import of the following articles on the basis indicated against each:—

- (a) Tractors service tools falling under Serial No. 275 of Part IV upto 10 per cent. of half of best year's imports of tractors.
- (b) Tractor trailers upto 20 per cent. by number of the actual number of tractors imported during the best year.
- (c) Tractor attachments upto 30 per cent. of half of best year's imports of tractors. List of the attachments for which licences will be valid is given in annexure 'A'.
- (d) Spare parts of tractor trailer and tractor attachments mentioned in Appendix 'A' on the basis of 2½ per cent. of half of best year's imports of tractors.

7. Applications for the import of workshop tools and equipment by approved importers of tractors will also be considered on merits. The following information should be submitted along with the application:—

- (i) Number of tractors imported during the last 3 years;
- (ii) Location of workshops already established indicating details of the machinery installed;
- (iii) Details of the new work shop machinery proposed to be imported.
- (iv) Whether the machinery referred to under (iii) above is to be installed in one of the existing workshops or a new workshop is proposed to be established.

8. Applications by non-established importers and by established importers for new makes of tractor not imported by them in the past will be considered, *ad hoc*, on merits. Such applications should be accompanied by the following additional information:—

- (i) Whether they are accredited agents of any manufacturer of tractors. Name of tractor and name of manufacturers should be furnished alongwith evidence of sole agency i.e., agency agreement in original.
- (ii) Whether they have adequate workshop facilities and trained engine to service the tractors. If so, full particulars of the available servicing facilities should be given duly certified by the Agricultural Department of the State Government concerned;
- (iii) Whether they have sufficient capacity to import tractors, implements, spare parts etc., to the full extent, Bank Certificate to show this should be furnished;
- (iv) Whether the tractors desired to be imported are covered by a Nebraska Test Certificate or by a certificate from the National Institute of Agriculture Engineering or by the official certificate of the Government concerned confirming the manufacturer's specifications. The authenticated copy of the certificate should be attached.

9. All applications should be sent in triplicate to the Deputy Supply and Movement Officer, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi. The applications should be made in the form and manner prescribed in the Red Book and should reach the Ministry of Food & Agriculture on or before the 31st March 1953. The applications should be accompanied by a statement showing separately the number and value of tractors and the value of tractor spare parts imported during the best year duly certified by a Chartered Accountant. To facilitate early disposal of application the importers concerned are advised to submit their applications for import of tractor spare parts and attachments etc. mentioned in paras 5 and 6 of the Public Notice alongwith their applications for import of tractors. Applications received after that date will not be considered.

## ANNEXURE A

*List of Tractor Attachments*

1. Power Controlled Tipper Trailers.
2. Power Controlled Unit.
3. Hydraulic Power Lifts.
4. Tree dozers.
5. Tree Stumpers.
6. Root Blades.
7. Root Cutters.
8. Winches.
9. Anchor Chains.
10. Windrowers.
11. Mowers.
12. Planters.
13. Land trapers.
14. Land Levellers.
15. Roughage Mills.
16. Hay Choppers.
17. Manure Loaders.
18. Hammer Mills.
19. Saw Benches.
20. Earth Movers.
21. Earth Scoops.
22. Lift Boxes.
23. Post Hole Diggers.
24. Tractor Cabs.
25. Wheel Girdles.
26. Steel Wheels.
27. Hydraulic Tractor Seats.
28. Swath turners.
29. Bull Graders.
30. Bull Dozers.
31. Blade terracors
32. Winch Girdles.
33. Ridgers.
34. Land Rollers.
35. Rapid Cut Machines.
36. Buck Rakes.
37. Transplanters.
38. Cutaway discs.
39. Dozer blades.
40. Wood Saws.
41. Soil Graders.
42. Windrow pickup.

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